

## House Resolution 859

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Long of the 61<sup>st</sup>, and Sinkfield of the 60<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Gene Ferguson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Gene Ferguson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
6 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his  
7 community have earned him the respect and admiration of neighborhood groups, elected  
8 officials, and the public at large; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson is a legend of the Civil Rights Movement who made significant  
10 contributions in marches, demonstrations, and rallies for change alongside Reverend Hosea  
11 Williams, Reverend Joseph E. Boone, and Father Austin Ford; and

12 WHEREAS, he worked as a program specialist at the Emmaus House from 1968 to 1996  
13 where he served the City of Atlanta's underprivileged youth by developing life changing and  
14 uplifting programs; and

15 WHEREAS, as a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the  
16 Metropolitan Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference, Mr. Ferguson participated in over 200  
17 protests nationwide calling for equal rights and justice; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson's community service has been invaluable to the City of Atlanta,  
19 the State of Georgia, and this nation, promoting racial equality, the needs of the poor and  
20 downtrodden, and the need for access to quality healthcare and education; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
22 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend Mr. Gene Ferguson for his efficient, effective, unselfish,  
25 and dedicated service to the African American community throughout the world; recognize  
26 the incredible contributions he made during the Civil Rights Movement; and extend to him  
27 their most sincere best wishes for continued health, happiness, and success

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Gene Ferguson.